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1. IN ABSENCE OF ROBERS AND KEMMIS, WHO ARE ON VACATION, WE INFORMED BROWN, DEPT. OF TRADE, THAT USG AGREEABLE TO BILATERAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON CAPACITY, FARES AND ALL-CARGO SERVICES BEGINNING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9. BROWN SAID UK PLEASED WITH THIS RESPONSE BUT HE INDICATED THAT TIMING MAY POSE A PROBLEM BECAUSE ROGERS, WHO WILL LEAD UK TEAM, HAS COMMITMENT IN PARIS COMMENCING SEPT. 11. BROWN SAID HE INSTRUCTING UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO SOUND OUT US AUTHORITIES RE ALTERNATIVE DATES.

2. WE TOLD BROWN WE ASSUMED UK WOULD LIFT THREAT AGAINST SEABOARD PENDING OUTCOME OF TALKS AND THAT WE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT EXPECT UK TO MOVE AGAINST SEABOARD ON SEPT. 11 SIMPLY BECAUSE UK DID NOT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS PROBLEM PRIOR TO SEPT. 11 DEADLINE. BROWN SAID HE NOT SURE OUR FIRST ASSUMPTION CORRECT BUT SECOND POINT WELL TAKEN. ACCORDING TO BROWN, HOWEVER, NO DECISION ON WHETHER TO EXTEND SBW PERMIT CAN BE TAKEN

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UNTIL ROGERS RETURNS ON SEPT. 2. BROWN PROMISED TAKE

MATTER UP WITH ROGERS AS SOON AS HE RETURNS AND LET US
KNOW UK POSITION ASAP.

3. WE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED SBW PROBLEM WITH FCO
(HITCH, MARINE AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT) AND MADE STRONG
ARGUMENT FOR EXTENSION OF SBW PERMIT PENDING OUTCOME OF
TALKS. HITCH ACKNOWLEDGED PERMIT EXTENSION WOULD IMPROVE
NEGOTIATION ENVIRONMENT FOR TALKS AND SAID HE WOULD DIS-
CUSS MATTER WITH DEPT. OF TRADE BUT HE MADE NO COMMITMENT
WHATEVER.
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